

Summary of Significant Revisions
To
GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY(MTR100000)

March 16, 2007

- The Department has eliminated the use of the 'co-permittee system' whereby one or more "operators" co-filed the Notice of Intent (NOI) Package and indicated responsibility for various aspects of the permit. This change is expected to simplify the permit process. The Department will continue to accept the old co-permittee NOI forms until April 1, 2007, after that date, the new NOI form will be required. See Part I.D and Preamble of the general permit.
- Permittees that applied for coverage under the June 8, 2002 general permit prior to December 31, 2006 are covered under the new general permit until June 30, 2007. In order to maintain coverage under the new general permit after that date, existing permittees will be required to reapply using the new NOI form, or submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form (if and when eligible) by July 1, 2007. Between April 15 and May 15, 2007, the Department will mail an NOI form and invoice to all permittees in this category. A reapplication fee of \$450 is required. The permittee is not required to submit a new or amended Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) provided that the current SWPPP is valid, in accordance with Part IV of the general permit.
- Permittees that applied for coverage under the June 8, 2002 general permit after January 1, 2007 are covered under the new general permit but will be required to reapply using the new NOI by July 1, 2007. An application fee will not be assessed. Between April 15 and May 15, 2007, the Department will mail NOI forms to all permittees in this category. The permittee is not required to submit a new or amended Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) provided that the current SWPPP is valid, in accordance with Part IV of the general permit.
- Permit coverage for a construction site may be transferred from one permittee to another by submitting a permit transfer notice form (Form PTN) to the Department. This form must be signed by both parties. A one time transfer fee of \$200 is required. Transfer of permit coverage may be necessary if responsibility for final stabilization differs from the operator or permittee responsible for construction activities.
- The Department has developed a new Notice of Termination (NOT) form. This form requires that the owner or operator sign and certify that the site has reached final stabilization, as defined in the general permit. All applicable fees, if any, must be paid before the permit is terminated. The Department will inspect a portion of these terminated sites.
- Other minor changes have been made in the permit, including: eliminating the requirement that SWPPPs for projects greater than 20 acres be reviewed and signed by a professional engineer; clarifying the definition of significant sediment; clarifying the qualifications for residential or single family dwellings; elimination of the spill reporting requirements; addition of a requirement to identify good house keeping practices in the SWPPP; and, other minor edits and clarifications.

Copies of the April 16, 2007 general permit and forms are available on the Department's website:

<http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/MPDES/StormwaterConstruction.asp>

or from the Water Protection Bureau at (406) 444-3080.